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## HK Ship Sinks Near Canton Miss Orient Hits Mine While Dancing Goes On 100 PASSENGERS KILLED

An estimated 100 men, women and children lost their lives on Thursday night when the British-registered 1,200-ton luxury river steamer, *Miss Orient*, was sunk, as a result of an explosion, at the bottom end of Elliot Passage about six miles from Canton. The explosion which preceded the sinking is believed to have been caused either by a mine planted in the water or by a bomb hidden in the ship's hold.

Stories of the disaster, related to the "China Mail" by survivors yesterday, brought back vivid memories of the ss. *Titanic* tragedy in the North Atlantic in 1912, the casualty list, however, being considerably smaller.

The mine or bomb exploded at a time when most of the younger passengers were dancing and singing in the vessel's spacious, luxuriously equipped ball room.

An hour after leaving Canton shortly after 9 p.m. on her return trip to Hong Kong, an explosion on the port side rocked the *Miss Orient* violently.

Dancing couples were thrown off their feet and panic-stricken passengers screamed stampeding to the upper decks as the vessel took on a list and began to sink. The master attempted to avert the ship shorewards in the hope of beaching her, but about 50 feet offshore she keeled over on her starboard side.

### In Three Minutes

In three minutes, the *Miss Orient* was submerged lying on her side, with most of her 400 passengers and crew members either thrown overboard or trapped below.

Hysterical screams for help were still audible one hour later when the ss. *Sing Hing*, which left Canton at 13 p.m., reached the wreck. At first survivors were lowered, they were later recalled because of the possible danger of attack from the shore by bandits.

Distress messages sent out from the *Miss Orient* a she was sinking were apparently weak as there was no response.

Urgent messages were sent to Canton by the ss. *Sing Hing*, however, brought three Chinese Maritime Customs cruisers to the scene. They were instrumental in rescuing a number of survivors, most of whom later went back to Canton.

### 22 Come To HK

In the morning, the ss. *Sing Hing* picked up 20 men and two women who were anxious to come to Hong Kong. They arrived here yesterday evening, barefoot and badly shaken up.

The blowing up of the *Miss Orient* may have been the result of the owners of the vessel refusing to comply with demands for money by Pearl River extortionist organizations.

Chief Officer R.A.P. Spears of the *Sing Hing* estimated the number of survivors at between 200 and 300 persons. The owners sold the ship carried between 300 and 400 passengers, and a crew of more than 100 men. Three of the passengers were said to have been Europeans. No names were available as the passenger list was aboard the sunken ship.

Survivors, brought to Hong Kong by the ss. *Sing Hing* said that at about 10.30 p.m. an explosion was heard on the port side. At once the lights went out and ship started to list to starboard because everybody rushed in that direction.

In three minutes, she capsized on the starboard side.

### THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 a.m. HKST) the anti-communist forces to dominate China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, but small troughs have developed over SE China and E of Formosa.

Today's Forecast—Moderate, with fresh E wind, overcast and cool with drizzle at first.

Yesterday's Weather—  
Maximum: 85.6 deg. Feh.  
Minimum: 68.6 deg. Feh.  
Rainfall: Nil.

Rainfall: 1.8 mm., 0.06 inch. Total since Jan. 1—180.8 mm., 6.14 inches, an annual average of 191.5 mm., 6.48 inches.

Readings: 10 a.m., 101.80; 10 a.m., 101.80; 4 p.m., 101.80.

Cloud: 90%; 85%.

Wind Point: 61; 61 deg. N.

Wind Direction: ENE; E.

Tides: 1.1 m.; 1.1 m.

Barometer: 1020.5; 1020.5.

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## Textile Experts Entertained Here

Local manufacturers and textile industrialists gave a dinner last night in honour of Mr. A. Hollas and Mr. H. E. Wadsworth of the Manchester Cotton Board.

The two textile experts are in Hong Kong to survey and advise local industrialists on methods of improving their standard of production.

Among the other guests were Messrs. J. J. Cowperthwaite, E. E. W. Hagger, J. W. Morris, Paul K. C. C. Tsui, K. Keen, T. H. Hutchinson, J. B. Kite and W. P. Montgomery.

The guests were the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union, the Cotton Weaving Manufacturers Association and the Chinese Textile Mills Association.

Welcoming the guests Mr. Shum Choy-sun said that he was thankful for the Hong Kong Government in arranging the visit to the Colony of Mr. Hollas and Wadsworth. In his speech, translated into English by Mr. U Tat-chee, Mr. Shum added:

"We fully appreciate the kindness of Mr. Hollas and Mr. Wadsworth in taking so much trouble to go into all the details of our mills to diagnose our weaknesses. Our hope rests in them and we trust they will in time lead us along the road of industrial progress and development."

As regards collecting data in fulfilment of their mission, I am sure they will not encounter many obstacles.

In spite of the fact that we are at times in short supply of raw materials and other necessities due to the geographical position of Hong Kong which is a somewhat isolated spot in the industrial world, we have, in the last few decades advanced considerably both in quality and quantity of our products.

### Koch Competition

"Markets are often subject to keen competition and to restrictions and there are undoubtedly instances where factories fall below modern standards. The manufacturers however, always put up a good fight and are continually trying to improve their production standards. The enthusiasm shown by them in their participation in the Hong Kong stand at the British Industrial Fair and their participation in the Exhibition of Chinese Products sponsored by the Chinese Manufacturers Union, is ample witness to their full confidence in their future."

This spirit is the very essence of their existence and progress, and the basis on which they can stand and tide over the storm that confronts them.

"We have more than 30 different types of products in the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, although textiles is the principal one. These industries, old or new, constitute important elements in the prosperity of Hong Kong. They are all anxious to make progress. They are equally keen for expert advice."

"May I take this opportunity of voicing the feeling of many, and of drawing the attention of the authorities to the fact that if provision could be made to extend similar facilities to other fields, immeasurable benefit to the Colony's industry will result."

### CANTON INSURANCE

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Office, Limited, will recommend at the forthcoming ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held on April 20, the payment of a dividend of \$14 a share, free of tax, absorbing \$700,000; the transfer of \$101,407 to Reserve for Contingencies; and, after making provision for Taxation (1949/50) of \$600,000, to carry forward the \$712,438.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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### A Capitalist At Heart

Sir.—With reference to your correspondent "Escaped's" letter in today's "China Mail," like him, I am a salaried worker, but differ in the respect of leaving England. I personally did not want to leave England, I did my best to avoid being posted overseas, even to the extent of trying to buy a business, but with all the present day restrictions, rationing etc., considered the time not opportune to take the plunge.

I duly arrived in Hong Kong nearly two years ago, and found in the land of plenty, after my wife's arrival, that I was worse off than in Britain, not of course by direct or indirect taxation, but general high prices for essential commodities etc.

I concur wholeheartedly with "Escaped," the lot of the salaried classes is really tough. In my opinion, the middle classes are bearing the brunt of Britain's economic crisis, by virtue of crushing taxation, also their salaries have not increased with the cost of living at the same rate as the lower income groups.

I am no doubt a super optimist, I consider the present high taxation will be only temporary. My hope is that when the great industries that have been nationalised have got over their teeth-tightening, they will begin to make a profit. I'm not really being funny when I say that our Coal Mines are losing money, but we must remember, British mines, for example, are backward and years behind the times compared with the U.S.A. and German mines. They do say behind even the USSR, but I won't accept that until I have seen for myself, so in effect the mines are going to cost the British public millions of pounds until such time as mechanisation and modernisation is completed, then—when we might show a profit—I said I was an optimist.

The railways are another bad investment for the public at present. All shades of opinion will agree that the state of the British railways is a lot to be desired, owing to of course the effect of total war, when replenishments of rolling stock was not possible, the long suffering taxpayer has therefore got to foot the bill. In time, I live in the hope that they will again make their £40,000,000 per year profit.

With regards to the Social Insurance scheme, the Government estimate were greatly underestimated; however after the initial rush for various forms of treatment, and the usual lasting troubles, I don't think it will be such a drain on us long suffering taxpayers, also the likes of "Escaped" and myself do receive just as much benefit as the lower income group. Furthermore, the first rush for treatment goes to prove how much the general public needed treatment in various forms, but apparently could not obtain, due to their financial circumstances. I do consider the health of the people is the Government's responsibility.

According to the radio broadcast from London on Thursday evening an extract from the London "Daily Mail" was read; it appears that the average working man is paying 8/- in the pound in taxes, not a bad effort for a pampered class. I don't know whether that includes General Rates, Water Rates etc., because quite a fair percentage are buying their own houses, however, they are doing their bit in proportion to their income.

I no doubt seem biased in favour of the lower income groups, but I hate poverty and detest the causes. Not many years ago my employment brought me into close contact with the lower income group, at that time our country was considered to be fairly prosperous, but how those people existed, God only knows; children poorly clothed and fed, in many cases bootless, yet the shops were stacked full of the goods this class of people were forced to do without, and all this happened in the suburbs of London. At that time I was in the £350 per year class, quite happy and contented, no doubt our friend "Escaped" was also contented.

I am at heart a capitalist, I have always sought to make a 1/2-into 1/6 by my own efforts, since the days when I sold newspapers in the streets of London, to the time when leaving school I worked 70 to 80 hours a week for 10/-.. Always had a sideline, such as buying and selling socks etc., to make a little extra, during those times, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I saw hardship and poverty in a land of comparative plenty. Mr. Editor, I have never forgotten those days. Equality of sacrifice, no sir, there was no such thing, and if that class of people are enjoying a larger share of the good things of life at the expense of people like myself and "Escaped," I for one am really good luck to you. The middle classes couldn't care less in those days.

I would say to "Escaped" that us poor people, we have a tough time for a few years to come, but I do sincerely believe that the like of our children and the children of the lower income group will benefit by our sacrifice, and have a much fuller life than we thought possible 20 years ago, having seen the way the other half lived. I think it's

## Full Honours For Hero Dog

Manila, March 25.  
Cheetah, a trained dog, was buried with military honours yesterday.

The canine hero was killed leading Government troops to a hideout of Huksaship guerrillas in Bulacan Province.

Civilian guards in the town of Malolos fired a volley over Cheetah's grave.—Associated Press.

## TENANCY DISPUTE IN COURT AGAIN

Premises at 10 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, were disputed at the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday, when Wong Kam-ling, of Nanking, applied for an eviction order against the Communists, but I would like to ask Mr. Simple Simon this:

What good would America aid be now, when China hangs between two political evils—What American aid that she can give her would either go to the few privileged in the present government or it would go into the Communists' channel. Neither government is for China.

We all know that she is today going through a transient period when the final trial would lead to a happy medium in the form of government and legislation. Since the fact is thus, why should America aid or any other foreign power help to install a government that is not beneficial to the human race, or maintain a government that is most beneficial to China as things stand now? What we need is a chance to rehabilitate our country under peace and goodwill and build with our sweat and labour.

We've got to face reality. If China is to survive, self-help from within is of prime importance. Help from without will come, gladly, when we have shown the unity of our strength and the strength of our unity.

It is time we should row our own boat and not let others from further shore row it for us, when the storm is gathering around us which may mean our death or our survival as a great race. It is well for Mr. Simple Simon and other Simple Simons to get inspiration from this "Fader" (help yourself and heaven will help you). We must put an end to our wistful dreams of American help and do something for change, now, more so than ever.

I do agree, however, with Simple Simon that the student riots were not examples of the feelings of the Chinese mass. All these riots were mostly Communist propaganda, but mostly stemming from ignorance. Most Chinese are grateful to the Americans and other foreigners who have helped us in the past.

Defendant telephoned to a person saying that a Chinese police-sergeant "with red tabs on his shoulders" was asking to see her husband about some payments.

Arriving at the rendezvous, defendant told the man that he was busy and had to meet him at another point. Eventually they met in the police station.

Gold, when asked by the police, could not tell who the "sergeant with red tabs" was, stating that he had been approached by this mysterious policeman and asked to convey the message. In court he had no evidence to substantiate his defense, either.

If we want to prove ourselves,

we've got to have a government that would give us this chance, and if we wished for help to put us back on our feet, we've got to show the world that we mean business. He was cautioned and discharged.

CUM GRANDE SALIS.

A Clumsy Phrase

Sir.—I find that speaking at a Reform Club Meeting last night I used a clumsy phrase. Referring to a helpful interview given to the Press by the Government on November 8, 1948, I used the words "the Government Official pointed out." I meant Mr. Carr of the Colonial Secretariat—that most courteous gentleman and friend of all Hong Kong. Mr. Carr is the Inst person that either I or anyone else in Hong Kong would deliberately refer to disrespectfully.

CHARLES LOSEBY.

## Personalia

Mr. J. G. O'Donnell will screen a film "Wings over Latin America" at Tuesday's luncheon-meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club. It will be Ladies Day.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. Krivine, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbue, Mrs. F. Ingrie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johannesson, Messrs. F. O'Hagan, C. V. Campbell, R. J. Evelyn, C. Y. Huber, J. S. Comus, V. Novak, G. Thrall, D. W. Phillips, F. C. Santos, and T. Q. Alcock.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Low, Mrs. Y. Abegg, Messrs. D. A. Sutcliffe, F. H. Lissner, C. Lee, L. Gilman, F. Broth, C. J. Leedham, L. Bachmann, R. A. Younger, D. F. Davis, D. L. Protheroe and H. Bakkeren.

Messrs. E. P. Streiffeld, A. S. Adamson, H. Owen-Hughes, Peter Fleming, W. F. Barnes, D. A. Sutcliffe, T. B. Low, Mr. and Mrs. Low, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prior, and Miss Elma Kelly left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Applicants further claim among other things the possession of the premises under the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance, 1947, and mens re profits from September 1, 1948, to date of delivery of possession.

The opponent, admitting the facts set out, claims that the alleged agreement that opponent would not claim protection is void and unenforceable because of the fact that it is in effect an agreement contracted in contravention of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance Proclamation of 1945.

After further legal arguments were given by counsels, hearing was adjourned until May 6.

## Court Brevities

A fine of \$100 or four weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Low Choi charged with sending a telephone message of a menacing character.

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Gold Yuan was at a new record low of HK\$3.00 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery, \$2.95 and \$3 for Canton remittances, and \$3.62½ for Shanghai remittances.

Plastics opened at HK\$10 a 100 and closed at \$10.07 ¼.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$24.30.

NEI Guilders were quoted at HK\$22.80 a 100.

Sterling at HK\$15.26 and Australian pounds at HK\$14.70 were unchanged.

## Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$310.25 a tael and closed at \$308.75. Highest and lowest rates were \$310.37 ¼ and \$309.25.

US dollars were quoted at HK\$55.22.

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## BRITISH TRAVELLERS

Travellers from Britain are now able to include Greece and Turkey in their holiday trips if necessary. Financial Secretary to Treasury, stated in Parliament in Thursday that these two countries have been added to the list of territories for which tourist travel allowance will be made, and an official statement yesterday.

It will be available as from May 1 for a period of 12 months. This extension of foreign travel follows the recent increase in allowances of money for tourists.

Mr. Hall told Parliament last week that for 12 months from May 1 an allocation will be made of £50 for each person.

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**1. That there shall be added immediately after Article 108 of the Articles of Association the following four Articles:**

**108a. Any general meeting declaring a dividend may resolve that such dividend be paid wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets, and in particular of paid-up shares, debentures, or debenture stock of the Company, or paid-up shares, debentures, or debenture stock of any other company, or in any one or more of such ways.**

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**SHOW THE OTHER SUIT**

**IT IS NEARLY always bad bridge to let your partner play for a No Trump game if you have shown him in the bidding only next turn. Then, in case North preferred No Trumps after that, South could have left him alone, but North would not have bid to Trumps in that situation. He would have supported the diamonds. South should have called 2-Hearts over the 1-Spade. North would have bid 2-No Trumps and South then 3-Diamonds. North, knowing that such bidding would invite a club lead which might whip-saw his Q, should have supported the diamonds and a game would have resulted, with tricks lost to the black ace.**

**Having made the mistake of doubling, South should have taken out the 3-No Trumps to 4-Diamonds, and the pair would have reached the right contract anyway. Even if North then put it into hearts, the game would have been secure, with very good stoppers in the other two suits.**

**S K Q 10 9  
H K J  
D J 10 7 5  
C Q 8 3**

**S 5 3  
H 8 0 2  
D 4 2  
C K 9 5 4**

**N 2  
W E 4 3  
D Q 8  
S C A J 10 6**

**S 6 4  
H A Q 10 7 5  
D A K 9 6 3  
C 7**

**(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)**

**S J 10 7 6  
H 0 7 4  
D None  
C A K 8**

**N 2  
W E 3  
D 10 9 6 4  
S C Q 10**

**S K Q 4  
H A Q J 5 2  
D A J 8  
C 7 3**

**(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)**

**What are South's rights if East out-of-turn leads the club Q against 4-Hearts? What option should South choose?**

**Tomorrow's Problem**

**S A 8  
H K 6 3  
D K Q 7 5 2  
C J 0 6**

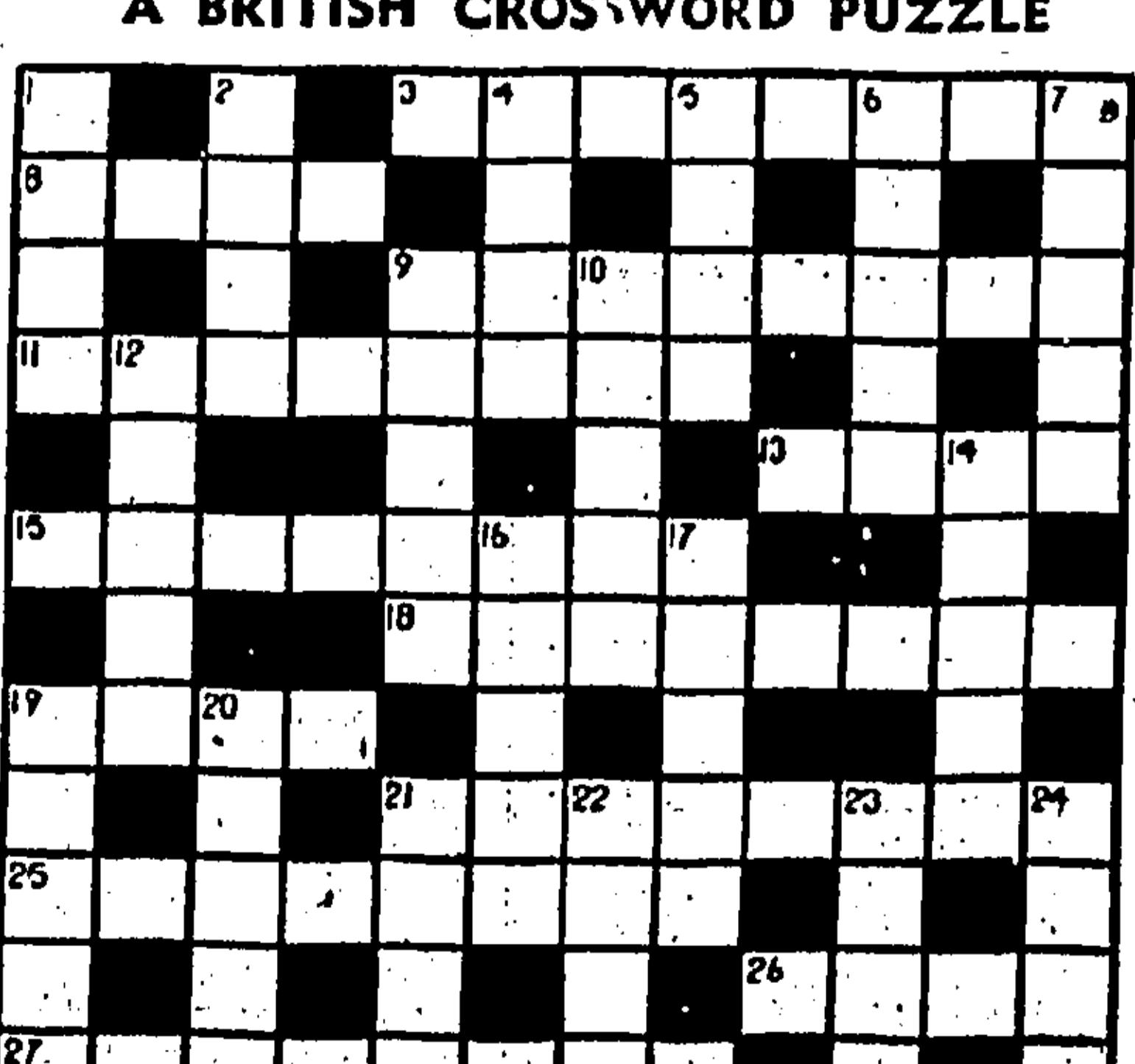
**S J 10 7 6  
H 0 7 4  
D None  
C A K 8**

**N 2  
W E 3  
D 10 9 6 4  
S C Q 10**

**S K Q 4  
H A Q J 5 2  
D A J 8  
C 7 3**

**(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)**

**What are South's rights if East out-of-turn leads the club Q against 4-Hearts? What option should South choose?**

**A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**Across**  
3 Encroachment ..... 18 Treating in a furnace.  
8 Frank ..... 19 Skin ..... 2 Profound ..... 10 Difficult.  
9 Obvious ..... 21 Laughter ..... 4 Tidy ..... 12 Question.  
11 Exhausted ..... 23 Unusual ..... 5 Parched ..... 20 Golf .....  
13 Lump of ..... 24 Conspiracy ..... 6 Perfect ..... 11 Course.  
14 Pluck ..... 25 Earth ..... 7 Observed ..... 21 Uninteresting .....  
15 Certain ..... 26 Sharp ..... 9 Encounters ..... 17 Church.  
16 Run off ..... 27 Incline ..... 10 Weight ..... 22 Sharp.  
17 Drive ..... 18 Drive ..... 11 Tax.

**Yesterday's Crossword**

**ACROSS: 1 Seldom, 4 Comet,**

**7 Eminence, 8 Alien, 9 Decent, 11**

**Onwards, 13 Compare, 15 Sunday,**

**16 Cross, 18 Alliance, 20**

**17 Dreary, 21 Sleepy, 23 Dense, 2**

**Monitor, 4 Create, 5 Manifold, 6**

**Needy.**

**Tennis, 10 Compose, 12 Nestled,**

**13 Cockle, 14 Assail, 16 Drake, 17**

**Widow.**

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**N. GARLAND, Acting Director of Marine.**

**Marine Office, Hong Kong, March 24, 1949.**



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## WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

## THEIR FINEST HOUR

## An Important Re-Shuffle

By Winston Churchill

When I made him this proposal, which was certainly not a personal advancement, he contented himself with saying in a simple and dignified manner that he would serve wherever he was thought to be most useful. In order to emphasize still further the importance of his functions, I arranged that he should remain in his function as a member of the War Cabinet whenever he came home on leave.

This arrangement worked without the slightest inconvenience owing to the qualities and experience of the personalities involved, and for six years thereafter, both under the National Coalition and the Labour Socialist Government, Halifax discharged the work of Ambassador to the United States with conspicuous and ever-growing influence and success.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Hull and other high personalities in Washington were extremely pleased with the selection of Lord Halifax. Indeed, it was at once apparent to me that the President greatly preferred it to my first proposal. The appointment of the new Ambassador was received with marked approval both in America and at home, and was judged, in every way adequate and appropriate to the scale of events.

## Had Resigned

I had no doubt who should fill the vacancy at the Foreign Office. On all the great issues of the past four years I had, as these pages have shown, dwelt in close agreement with Anthony Eden. I have described my anxiety and emotions when we parted company with Mr. Chamberlain in the spring of 1938. Together we had abstained from the vote on Munich. Together we had resisted the party pressures brought to bear upon us by our constituents during the winter of that melancholy year. We had been united in thought and sentiment at the outbreak of the war and as colleagues during its progress.

The greater part of Eden's public life had been devoted to the study of foreign affairs. He had held the splendid office of Foreign Secretary with distinction, and had resigned it when only 42 years of age for reasons which are in retrospect, and at this time viewed with the approval of all parties in the State. He had played a fine part as Secretary of State for War during this terrible year and his conduct of Army affairs had brought us very close together. We thought alike, even without consultation on a very great number of practical issues as they arose from day to day. I looked forward to an agreeable and harmonious comradeship between the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, and this hope was certainly fulfilled during the four anti-a half years of war and policy which lay before us. Eden was sorry to leave the War Office, in the streets and exclamations of which he was absorbed; but he returned to the Foreign Office like man going home.

## Sharp Passages

I filled Mr. Eden's place as Secretary of State for War by submitting to the King the name of Captain Margesson, at that time the Chief Whip to the National Government. This choice excited some adverse comment. David Margesson had been for nearly 10 years at the head of the Government Whip's Office in the House of Commons, and it had fallen to him to marshal and stimulate the patient and solid Conservative majorities which had so long sustained the Baldwin and Chamberlain administrations. I had, as a leading figure among the Conservative dissentients from the India Bill, had many sharp exchanges with him.

In the course of these 11 years of my exclusion from office my contacts with him had been not infrequent, and generally hostile. I had formed the opinion that he was a man of high ability, serving his chief, whoever he was, with unflinching loyalty, and treating his opponents with strict good faith. This opinion was also held by the Whips of the Labour and Liberal parties, and such a reputation is, of course, essential to the discharge of this particular office.

When I became Prime Minister it was generally expected that I should find someone else for the task, but I was quite sure that I should receive from Margesson the same skillful and faithful service that he had given to my predecessors; and in this I had been in no way disappointed. He had served in the first world war as a regimental officer, gaining the Military Cross. He thus had a strong soldierly background as well as a complete knowledge of the House of Commons. In Margesson's place I appointed Captain James Bland, with whom also I had had many differences, but for whose character I had high respect.

## Higher Price

The interval between November 1940 and the collapse of Germany in March 1945 was marked by an steady stringency in dollars, paper money of expedient was dictated by our friends. The result

was Government bought from us some of the war plants which they had built to our order in the United States. They assigned them to the American defence programme, and made us go on paying them to the full. The War Department placed orders for munitions that it did not need immediately, so that when finished they could be released to us.

On the other hand, certain things were done which seemed harsh and painful to us. The President sent a battleship to Capetown to carry away all the gold we had gathered there.

The great British business of Court-martials in America was sold by us at the request of the United States Government at a comparatively low figure, and then resold through the markets at a much higher price from which we did not benefit. I had a feeling that these steps were taken to emphasise the hardship of our position, and raise feeling against

Hitler, while at the same time gathering all the strength he could in the enormous mass of Soviet Russia. He and Molotov saw their doubtful congratulation on every German victory. They poured a heavy flow of food and material resources into the Reich. Their Fifth Column Communists did what they could to distract our factories. Their radio diffused its aims and batters

took place in an air-raid shelter owing to a British raid.

When in August, 1942, I first visited Moscow, I received from Stalin's lips a shorter account of this conversation which in no essential differs from the German record, but may be thought more pitiful.

A little while ago," said Stalin, "the great complaint against Molotov was that he was too pro-German. Now everyone says he is too pro-British. But neither of us ever trusted the Germans." For a moment he was silent. "And death?"

"I interpreted that we had been through this ourselves," said to him now they did."

"When Molotov," said the Marshal, "went to see Ribbentrop in Berlin in November of 1940, you got wind of it and sent an ultimatum." I nodded.

"When the alarm sounded Ribbentrop led the way down many flights of stairs to a deep shelter underground furnished. When he got inside the Marshal began. He shut the door and said to Molotov: 'Now here we are alone together. Why should we not sit?' Molotov said: 'What will England say?' England," said Ribbentrop, "is finished. She is no more use as a Power." If that is so," said Molotov, "why are we in this shelter, and where are these bombs which fall?"

## Vital Need

The Berlin conversations made no difference to Hitler's deep despair. During October Koitel, Jodl, and the German General Staff had under his orders been forming and phasing the plans for the Eastern movement, the German armies and for the invasion of Russia in the early summer of 1941. No delay either in planning or in movement could be tolerated. Over all hung the vital need for concealment and deception.

For this purpose, two separate forms of cover were used by Hitler, each of which had advantages of its own. The first was an elaborate negotiation about a common policy based on the partition and distribution of the British Empire in the East. The second was the domination of Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece, with Hungary on the way, by a steady influx of troops. This offered important military gains, and at the same time masked or presented an explanation for the building up of the German armies on the Southern flank of the front to be developed against Russia.

The negotiations took the form of direct proposals by Germany for the activation of Soviet Russia to the Three-Power Pact at the expense of British interests. In the Orient, if Stalin had accepted this scheme, events might for a time have taken a different course. It was possible, at any moment for Hitler to suspend his plans for invading Russia.

We cannot attempt to describe what might have happened as the result of an armed alliance between the two great empires of the Continent with their millions of soldiers to share the spoils in the Balkans, Turkey, Persia and the Middle East, with India always in the background and with Japan as an eager partner in the "Greater East Asia Scheme."

Nevertheless, it is remarkable how we could see, what advantages he sacrificed and what risks he ran to keep on friendly terms with Nazi Germany. Even more surprising were the miscalculations and the ignorance which he displayed about what was coming to him. He was indeed, from September 1940, to the moment of Hitler's assault in June, 1941, at once a callow, a crafty and an ill-informed giant.

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# CHINESE COMMUNISTS' LINK WITH VIETMINH "A SERIOUS THREAT"

Pact To Be Signed On April 4

Washington, March 24. Official guests and the press will be able to witness the signing of the North Atlantic Pact here on April 4, it was announced today.

A State Department spokesman said that admission to the ceremony will be by invitation only. He said that no hall in Washington could be found large enough to accommodate all members of the public who might wish to attend the ceremony.

Tentative plans are for the ceremony to be held in what is known as the Departmental AP-3 dormitory. This has seating for only 1,300 people. It is believed that this accommodation will be taxed to the limit by the Foreign Ministers and their official guests, by representatives of the United States Government and by the press.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, left London tonight on the first stage of his voyage to the United States for the signing.

Also sailing in the Queen Mary from Southampton tomorrow along with Mr. Bevin, will be Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Prime Minister; Dr. Dirk U. Stikker, Dutch Foreign Minister; M. Joseph Beck, Luxembourg Foreign Minister; and Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State and leader of the British delegation to the United Nations Assembly.

M. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, and Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, are expected to fly to Washington for the signing.

Informed sources in Lisbon said today that the Portuguese Cabinet has decided in principle to join the North Atlantic pact.

The Cabinet is continuing talks in an effort to overcome conflicts between terms of the pact and Portugal's defence agreement with Spain.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Lawer Chamber today approved a resolution authorising the Government to sign the Atlantic Pact and gave the treaty automatic ratification as soon as it is ratified by the original Atlantic Pact nations—Reuter and United Press.

**PACIFIC PACT "PREMATURE"**

Manila, March 25. Formation of a Pacific alliance at this time would be premature, according to Vicent Sheean, foreign correspondent and author.

Arriving here by plane from Indonesia en route to Tokyo, Mr. Sheean told reporters: "Countries in this part of the world are at various stages of development. Two years from now such an alliance probably would be practical."

The writer said an atmosphere of nervousness and anxiety prevails in Baliwan. The Dutch dilemma in Indonesia is not a question of prestige or face because the Dutch have lost both, he said.

Mr. Sheean discounted the Communist menace in India. The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, seems to have gone toward the Right and the Reds are not trying very hard, he concluded.—Associated Press.

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London, March 24. British intelligence reports said today that the Chinese Communists are supporting Vietminh forces in Northern IndoChina. They have taken the initiative almost everywhere from the French colonial forces, the reports said.

A series of operations has been carried out which seem to be preparations for more important actions, it is added.

Hanoi, principal city in Tonkin and the seat of the French administration, has been reported threatened with an uprising and railway and river communications to Haiphong are said to be subjected to daily attacks.

The reports described the Vietnamese and Chinese forces as being composed of mobile and well-equipped commandos whose audacity is extraordinary.

The commandos are said to be concentrating their attacks on railway, supply trains between Hanoi and Haiphong and to have destroyed several.

Supplies to other important towns such as Phnom Penh are also reported to be precarious.

A report said it is safe to say that the Vietminh forces no longer fear the French Army of occupation and constitute a serious threat more or less.

It added: "The Nationalist movement in Vietnam is far more to the left than similar movements elsewhere in South East Asia."

In Saigon, the French Far Eastern Headquarters today said that the Chinese Communists are fighting with the Vietnamese.

An official communiqué said that rebel activity is increasing along the Tonkin frontier. Tonkin is the Northermost Indochinese province bordering on China.

Since March 15, there has been increased rebel activity, particularly along the Tonkin frontier.

Attacks against our posts are growing more numerous in the region North of Langson and East of Laochang.

## Danger In Palestine

London, March 24. A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Britain's Palestine policy is governed partly by the danger that the Israeli Government might use its armed forces to bring Transjordan under duress and to acquire further substantial areas recognised as mainly inhabited by Arabs.

In reply to an Israeli suggestion that the presence of British troops at Akaba is delaying an Israeli-Turkish armistice, the spokesman insisted that it is in the interest of the British Government for peace to be restored in the Middle East as soon as possible.

He said flagrant violations of the Security Council truce resolution had already been used by the Israeli Government to bring about the present truces with Egypt and the Lebanon.

The spokesman added that any further acquisition of territory by Israel would be an even greater departure from the United Nations Assembly partition resolution of November, 1947, than already existed.—Reuter.

## Strict Silence On Empire Talks

London, March 24. All official sources here continue to maintain the closest silence on the date and details of the impending conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.

In political circles, however, it is expected that the silence will be broken by a simultaneous announcement in all Dominion capitals early next week.

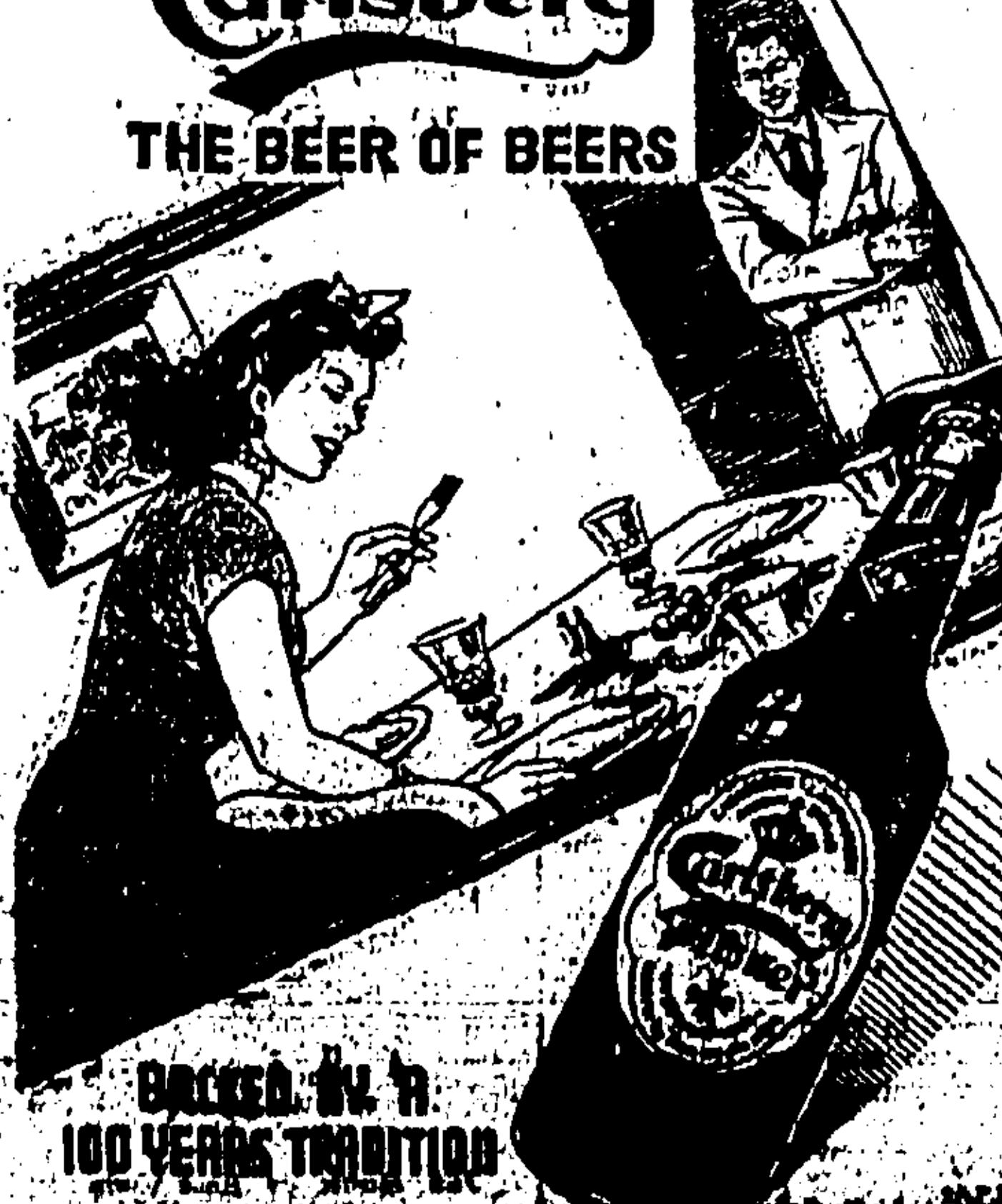
The opening date is believed to be on or near April 23. The exchanges taking place between the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth countries are apparently concerned with the details and timing of the announcement.

The scope of the conference has been the subject of wide speculation, none of which has any official confirmation, both here and in Commonwealth countries.

Subjects which have been suggested as ranking foremost for consideration include security in the light of the Communist upsurge in South East Asia, and other regional defence questions, and Indian views on co-operation with the Commonwealth after she becomes a republic.

The main conference may last only five or six days, but presumably there will be informal exchanges between individual statesmen in their own delegations headquarters, as was the case last year.—Reuter.

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## MYSTERY OF THE SOVIET RESHUFFLE

Washington, March 24. The shift in leadership in the Soviet ground forces added to the mystery in official quarters over the recent shifts in the Soviet hierarchy. The authorities are still puzzling and wondering whether the shake-ups mean promotions for the leaders or involve some elements of a "purge."

The major sentiment here is that the Russians are free-living senior Politburo members to devote more time to internal Soviet problems, with a corresponding emphasis on foreign affairs.

Russia may be deciding against further expansion and concentrate on consolidating post-war gains behind the Iron curtain.—United Press.

## Paris Theory

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Paris today suggested that the increased military action in IndoChina by Communist rebel forces is an attempt to prevent the return of Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam.

The youthful, French-educated ex-Emperor signed a pact in Paris on March 8, under which France recognises Vietnam's independence and Bao Dai as head of the state of Vietnam.

The former Emperor is still in France and is expected to leave soon for Vietnam.

The spokesman said the French troops thus far have been able to put down what he described as renewed pressure by the forces of the rebel leader, Ho Chi Minh.

However, he added: "Sudden renewal of this pressure, particularly at this time, suggests an attempt to score Bao Dai into not returning to Indo-China."

By its agreement with Bao Dai, France hopes to swing Vietnam away from the Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh and end the stalemate war which has divided away millions of dollars and forced the French to maintain a 100,000-man army in Indo-China since 1946.—United Press.

The recent reduction of the weekly ration to 8d. worth of fresh meat and 2d. worth of corned beef per person, through shortages of shipments from the Argentine, comes into effect next month.

Members of the National Executive of the Federation of Meat Trade Associations held an emergency meeting today to discuss the dwindling ration and its impact on the retail meat trade in Britain.

Corned beef stocks are reported to be precariously low and some experts feel it must be very difficult to maintain the corned beef part of the ration much longer than a month unless fresh supplies become available.

The Ministry of Food declined to comment on the prospects of a new cut.—Reuter.

## ANOTHER SHUFFLE BY THE KREMLIN: BULGANIN GOES

London, March 25. The Moscow Radio announced last night that Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin has been relieved as Minister of the Armed Forces. Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky has succeeded him, the broadcast said.

Marshal Bulganin is also a Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, and presumably will retain that job. As such he is a Deputy Prime Minister.

Marshal Vasilevsky has been Marshal Bulganin's Chief Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union.

Throughout the war, Prime Minister Josef Stalin was Minister of the Armed Forces. He gave up that job in March, 1947, and Marshal Bulganin was appointed to take his place. Marshal Vasilevsky has been Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces since the same year. He is 40.

**Order To Army**

Marshal Bulganin's last declaration to bring him worldwide notice was his order marking the 31st anniversary of the Red Army last month.

He said Soviet fighting men must maintain a constant state of battle preparedness at a high level because of the "policy of aggression" pursued by the U.S.

"The ruling circles of the U.S., which seek to establish their world domination by force, pursue a policy of aggression and of unleashing a new war," said the order.

The new shift followed Major changes in the Soviet political hierarchy in the last few weeks. The most important was the release of V.M. Molotov as Foreign Minister to be succeeded by Andrei Y. Vishinsky. M. Molotov remained as First Deputy Prime Minister, right at Stalin's side.

Western observers in Moscow view these changes as measures to strengthen the highest ranks of Soviet policy makers.—Associated Press.

## Siam's New Constitution

Bangkok, March 24. Siam's State Council, acting in the name of the King, today announced the ratification of a new Constitution.

All that has been officially indicated is that the envoys went to the Commonwealth countries to discuss matters arising from the Dominion Prime Ministers' Conference here last October.

In political quarters, it is assumed that the Prime Ministers, who in one or two cases may be represented by deputies, will hold their conference behind closed doors, as they did last October, and that relatively little will be learned publicly of their deliberations.

The main conference may last only five or six days, but presumably there will be informal exchanges between individual statesmen in their own delegations.

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## U.S. NAVY MOVE

Washington, March 24. A Navy spokesman today said that very limited number of specially-qualified naval reserve officers being given mobilisation day assignments which are in no way to be interpreted as recall to active duty at this time nor in anticipation of early mobilisation.

The assignments are merely one step in the Navy's peacetime policy of preparedness, he said.—United Press.

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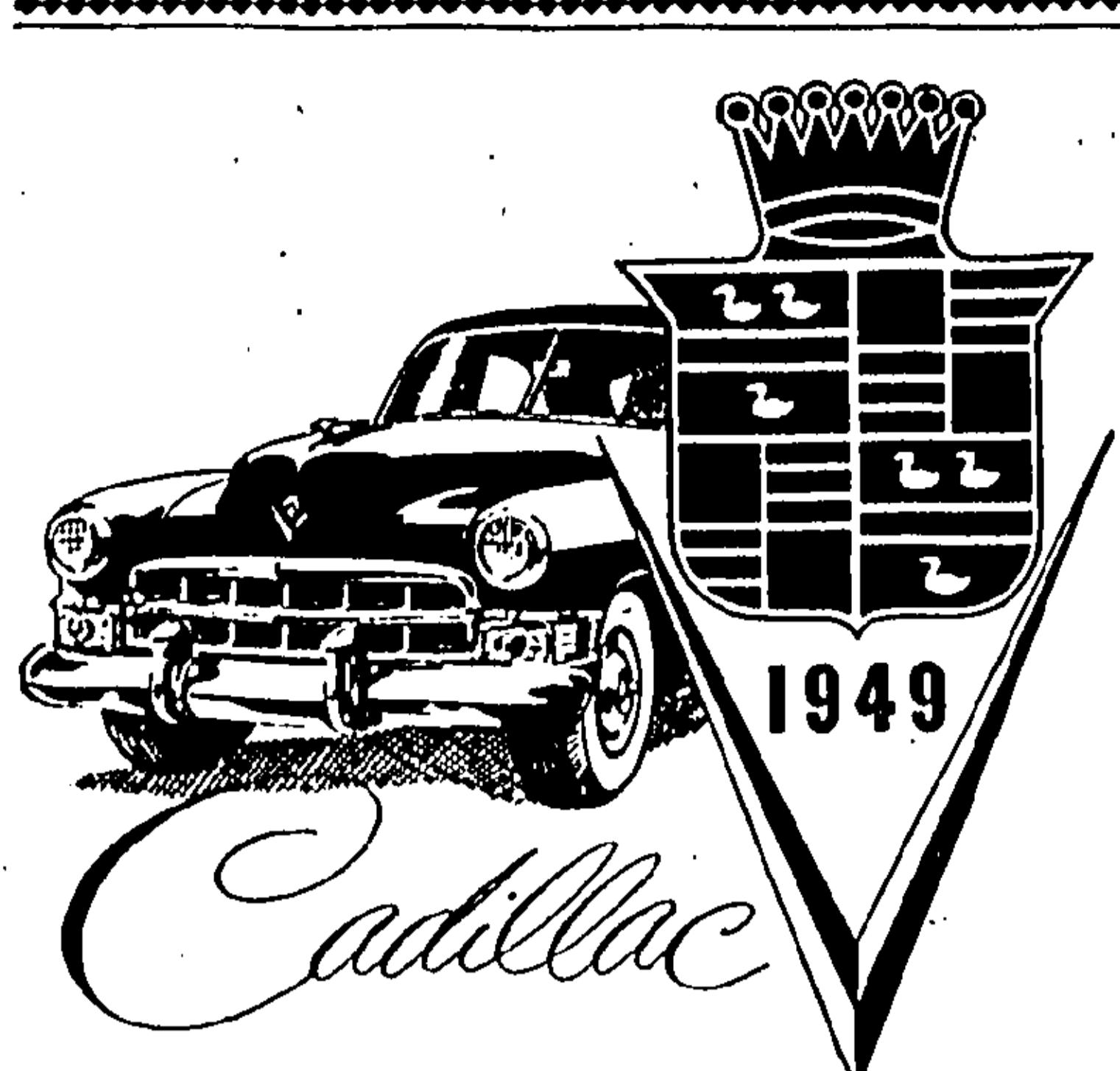
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## MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

### British Cars Do Well At Monte Carlo

British cars did remarkably well at the 19th Monte Carlo Rally in a 2,000-mile race minimum average of 31 m.p.h., which had to be covered at a including all stops.

Remarkably fine weather prevailed, apart from thick fog in the Rhone Valley and across northern Germany and Italy. In spite of the absence of the traditional snow and ice, most of the 205 starters found the average quite high enough for three nights and three days of practically non-stop motoring, and the final 400 miles from Lyons over the mountains to Digne and the coast became more like a motor race than a touring competition.

A 2-litre Bristol saloon, driven by the Czech sportsmen Dobry and Treybil (who won the 1938 Polish Rally with the same car) was third, missing winning the Rally outright by just over seven marks decided by the timings of the final regularity test.

The event was won, once again, by those veterans Jean Trevoix and Marcel Lescure on a 3½-litre Hotchkiss, starting from Lisbon. These two tied for first place when the Rally was last held, in 1939, and Trevoix won in 1934, both times on a Hotchkiss.

Leonard Potter, well-known trialsman, finished fourth with an Allard. Kenneth Wharton, British trials champion, was fifth, on a very standard Ford V8 Pilot. A.A.C. Godsal (Allard) was eighth—all starting from Glasgow.

One of the best and most plucky performances was put up by A.G. Imhof and K. Hutchison in an Allard from Florence, who got through after a hideous 150 miles of fog on icy roads, and were placed 11th.

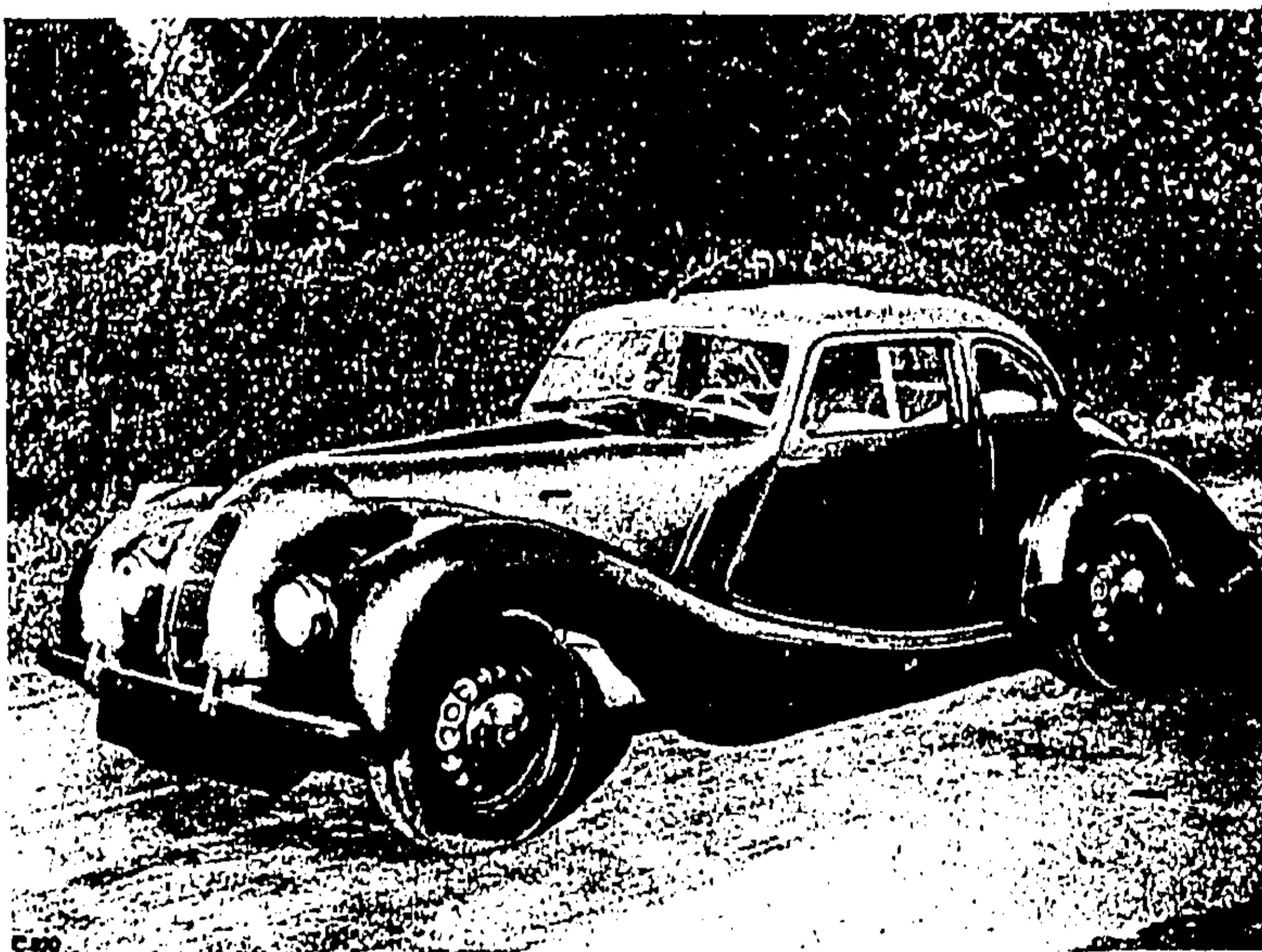
Perhaps the most meritorious drive was that by Mrs. Wisdom, with Miss Marshall and Miss Huig in a new 918 c.c. Morris, who came right through, starting from Monte-Carlo, with a clean sheet and lost marks by being too early at the finish.

Louis Rosier, racing driver, drove an even smaller car, one of the rear-engined 760 c.c. Renaults (with twin carburetors) and finished up in 13th place, a remarkable effort.

British cars swept the 1,500 c.c. class clean, headed by Gatsosides with his well-tuned Hillman Minx and followed by R. Smith and T. C. Wise, with Jowett Javelins. Mrs. Wisdom was second for the Ladies' Cup.

W.M. Cooper's beautiful grey Bentley Mk. VI won the special Grand Prix d'Honneur in the Concours de Confort, and did well to finish 25th in the Rally.

Of 210 entries, 205 started—47 from Glasgow (three retired), 70 from Monte Carlo (17 retired), 46 from Stockholm (12 retired), 26 from Lisbon (two retired), two from Prague (both retired), four from Oslo (one retired) and four from Florence (two retired). One hundred and sixty-six finished officially.



### European Cars Making New Bid In Brazil

Motorists in Rio de Janeiro, joke that Brazilian streets are again looking like they did before the First World War when European automobiles were used almost exclusively and American cars were practically unknown.

And there is a good deal of truth in the joke, with the increasing appearance today British, French, Swedish, Italian and even Czech cars.

Before the First World War the Benz, Berlitz, Renault and a few other European makes were predominant. After the war, the American automobiles came into first place.

But during the Second World War imports practically ceased, although a small quota of American cars still came through. Meanwhile the cars on hand were wearing out.

At the end of the recent war, there was a big demand in Brazil for new automobiles. There was a shortage of American cars even for the United States market. And when more American automobiles became available Brazil found itself short of dollar exchange and had to control imports from the dollar zone.

This was Europe's golden opportunity. The Old World was in dire need of foreign currency and European cars offered a means.

Austin of England came first closely followed by the French Citroen. The makes were old-fashioned, to be sure, but who cares, as long as they were new.

The prices at first were high. At one time a small four-cylinder Citroen cost more than a Ford V-8. On the other hand, these smaller cars were cheaper to operate. They used less petrol, an important factor because Brazil must import all its petroleum products.

#### Production Up

After time production began to catch up with demand. European companies began to deliver cars on short order, whereas it was necessary to wait months for an American car and many times impossible to get it at all, due to import controls.

Also the British brought in new styles. The Standard, Austin and Hillman began sending streamlined models.

As a result of all this, a big percentage of cars in the streets of any Brazilian city today is European. The British Austin, Standard and Dagenham Ford, the French Citroen and Renault, and the Italian Fiat are the commonest.

But other makes are to be found; up to a good number of Swedish Volvo and even from behind the Iron Curtain the Czech Skoda. Both Opels and BMWs are expected from Germany shortly.

What do Brazilian motorists think of these cars? Talk to them and you'll learn that a vast majority prefer American cars.

That is even more evident in rural zones. Most of Brazil's highways are simple dirt roads, where a high-powered car is needed, with ample road clearance. Important, too, is a standard gauge width in order to drive in the rules of your predecessor.

On the other hand, roads are improving, and in cities European models are becoming more popular. Prices are not well under those of American cars.

Dealers doubt that the European car will ever dominate the market but they believe it has some to stay and will get an increasing amount of business.

The "Bristol" 2-litre car, the Bristol airplane company's first venture in the field of car manufacture, is achieving great popularity. Models have been delivered to practically every country in the world and particularly the continent. Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands drives his own "Bristol" 2-litre which he bought after a brief trial in standard model while on a visit to the Bristol factory. The car's finest success to date, however, was scored recently when Dobry, famous Czechoslovakian racing motorist, won the XIV Polish International Rally, driving a standard "Bristol" 2-litre. The Rally is among the most arduous staged in any country and is rated second only to the Monte Carlo fixture.

### UN Convention Wants Standardisation Of World's Traffic Rules

A foreign motorist in London, Athens or Belgrade will have no trouble in understanding the local traffic cop and roads signs if a new United Nations convention standardising world traffic regulations goes into effect.

The convention will be presented to a UN world conference on transport to be held in Geneva next August. It was recently approved, after a year's preparatory work, by a road transport committee of the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

The committee also drew up two conventions simplifying customs formalities for tourists and drivers of commercial vehicles. If these are adopted, truckers will be able to cross the entire continent without undergoing the tiresome examinations and paper work which now plague them.

The new convention would do away with non-essential papers now carried by motorists. It abolishes the international in addition to the licence of the motorist's own country. The convention substitutes an international permit which would be similar in all countries and valid everywhere.

The motorizing convention standardizes traffic rules and road signs for every country. A traffic officer in Stockholm would use the same stop signal as a policeman in Paris.

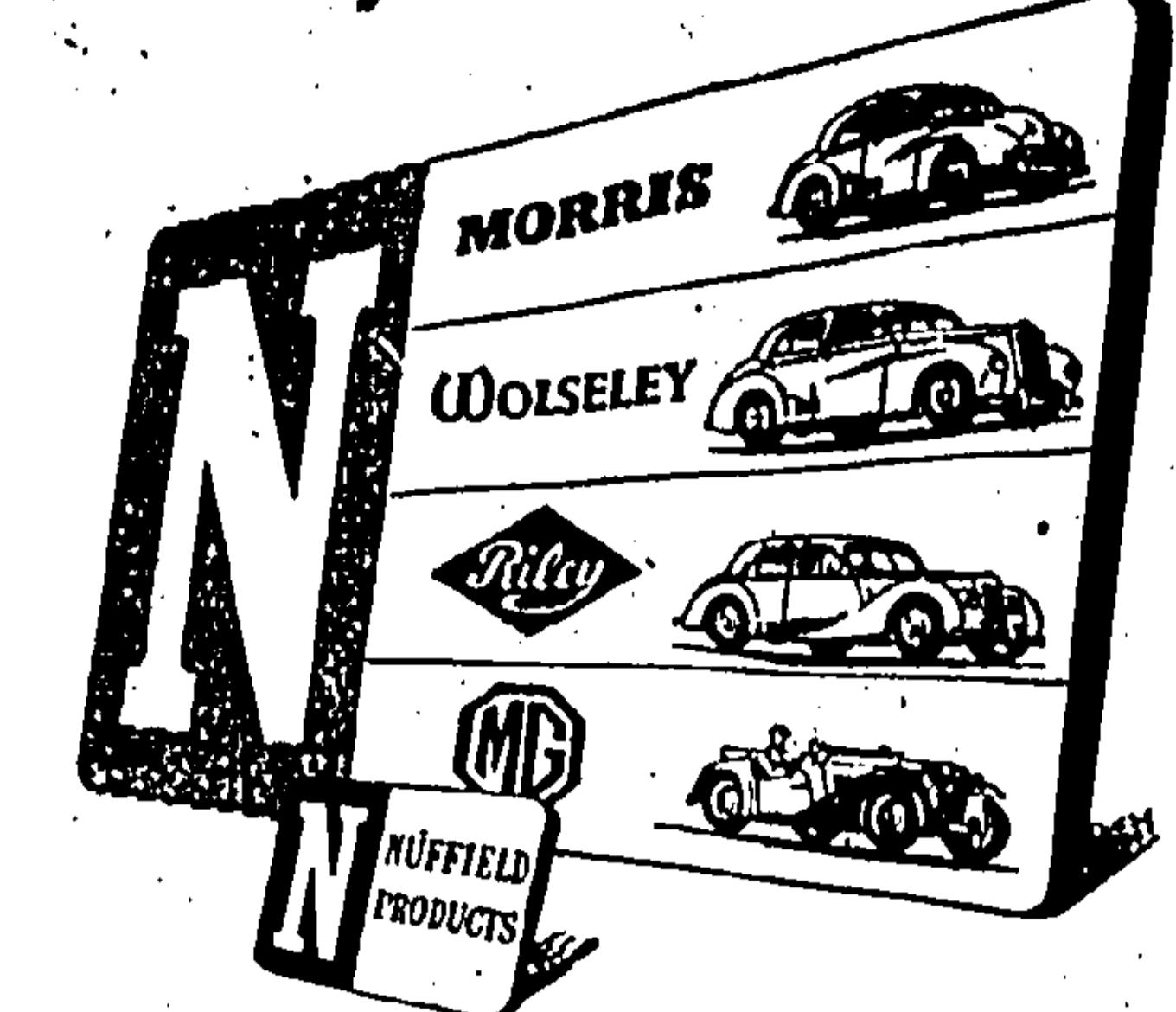
The signal for approach to a school would not only be the same in every country, but embodies a design arrived at after months of study and tests. Traffic experts found that a picture of children arouses more caution than a symbol of a schoolhouse or use of the mere word "School."

The proposed universal sign shows a girl and a boy carrying books under their arms. The convention makes the English word "Stop" universal, substituting it for the equivalent word in other languages. It has drawn a large fat cow for a sign warning "beware of animals." The picture of a man walking means "watch out for pedestrians." Altogether, the committee has adopted more than 50 road signs.

**Member Countries**  
It members included delegates from the United States, Britain, France, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Austria, Belgium, Turkey, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, and observers from Poland and Yugoslavia. They wanted to make right hand driving compulsory in every country, but lost out in the face of British and Swedish opposition. Britain and her colonies, Sweden, Eire and India and the Argentine are the only large areas in the world where left hand driving is still in force. A British delegate told the committee that it would cost £150,000,000 to make the changeover in England, that when the question was last brought up in 1944 it caused widespread opposition.

The new convention sets no speed limit but provides that motorists shall drive in a reasonable and prudent manner.

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# WASHINGTON DECIDES TO CEASE CHINA AID

## DOUBT ON WHEAT TREATY

London, March 24. Forty-two nations are expected to sign by the April 15 deadline the new wheat agreement guaranteeing the export and import of over 450 million bushels of wheat annually from the next four years.

The representatives of 29 countries have already signed the agreement, reached in Washington yesterday.

British grain traders doubt whether the International Wheat Agreement will be ratified or fully kept. They think the 450 million bushels mentioned will exceed the real requirements of the importing countries.

This quantity excludes all the requirements of Germany, Austria, Japan and the Philippines, which are United States responsibilities and preserves.

It also excludes all quantities of wheat which importers may buy from Argentina, a normally big exporter, and from Russia, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, North Africa, Chile and any other country which comes out as an exporter, beyond the five countries named in the agreement.

On the aggregate, the importing countries will thus have to take for more wheat than they took before the war—at a time when they are striving to increase their own crops and restrict imports to a minimum.



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Washington, March 25. Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, said today: "The State Department has decided to let China go without any effort to prop up the failing Nationalist Government."

Senator McCarran said in an interview that that is the general policy the State Department set forth in a report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report was made recently in connection with a bill by Senator McCarran to give a \$1,500,000 credit to China.

Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, sent the bill to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, with a request for State Department comment. The Department's reply has been received by Mr. Connally but he has not made it public. The full Committee has not seen it.

The significance of the report is that it is said to outline this Government's policy toward China for the first time since the victories of the Red Army.

One Foreign Relations Committee member said the State Department at this time is non-plussed about the China situation—and does not favour any positive steps to back the Nationalist forces.

### Nothing To Say

President Truman told a press conference today that he sees no reason for making any statement on China policy and therefore there will be no China policy statement in the near future.

The President spoke in answer to a question as to the possibility of a China policy statement in the near future. His reply is in line with the State Department's policy of making no statements for publication on the United States' China policy.

Meanwhile, Republican Representative Robert Hale, in a House speech today, condemned the United States' policy of silence on China. Copies of the speech from the Congressional record were circulated by mail in Washington.

Mr. Hale said: "It must be plain to the House that something is radically wrong when the Secretary of State feels obliged to confine to a closed session his discussion of our policy in China.

### Certainty Of Disaster"

"If our policy to China were clear and intelligent, the questions propounded to the President in our letter might have been clearly and publicly answered. It is not so much that the State Department has failed," commented Mr. Hale. "It succeeded in making easy the advance of the Communists."

## NO MORE PACTS--FOR THE PRESENT

Washington, March 24. The United States does not intend to participate in the foreseeable future in further regional pacts, either for the Mediterranean or Far Eastern areas, to supplement the North Atlantic Treaty of mutual defence.

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particularly Article 4 of the treaty, which extends the field of consultation between the North Atlantic powers potentially to the world.

This article is understood to cover threats to the security of any of the North Atlantic Pact powers through developments in any part of the world.

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## DON IDDON'S DIARY

America's politicians, unshaken by Shakespeare, are ignoring the events of March.

Their pars are poised over the Atlantic Pact. Their bank-books are open for more Marshall Plan appropriations.

It is an historic week. The text of the Pact will be made public on Friday, and a 100-year tradition against alliances and entanglements with Europe will be broken.

As the supreme moment approaches there is not much misgiving, certainly not among the public. Although the unemployment figures mount and the slumlet grows there is no popular demand that the dollars be kept at home to pay for relief or pump-priming.

### Peace Pay-Off

All that the average American asks is that his investment pays off by providing peace.

He doesn't expect to make money, or even to get his dollars back. Occasionally he expresses the wistful hope that there will be no bucksliding or recklessness among the other signatories to the Pact and that the hard-earned, free-enterprise-created money will not be spent on further Socialisation measures.

For instance, an American has paid for his spectacles, his medical and dental care, his wife if he's bald, his hearing aid if he's deaf—the State doesn't supply these facilities free, and he is puzzled that any debtor State should be doing so.

### Pact A Miracle

This is hardly the time for any European country on the receiving end to be using capitalistic money for Socialist purposes.

Even if there were a great surplus of money and arms here, and the United States had not been born and bred in isolationism, the Pact would be remarkable. As it is, the Pact is a miracle.

I have been talking to Americans about this miracle. The garage man who services my car, and whose tips have been halved in the past six months, says: "If Russia knows we will fight, we won't have to fight."

The elevator man in the apartment building where I live, one-third of whose £9 salary goes in rent, says: "What's the difference? Pact or no Pact we are up to our necks, anyway, ain't we?"

The out-of-work American newspaper-man trying to place a freelance article, says: "This is America's greatest coming-of-age day, will leave for the West Punjab capital of Lahore tomorrow and will arrive in Karachi on Saturday next. He will fly to London from Karachi next Monday.—Reuter.

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shouting against business men who are "planning a depression." Wall Street scorns the charges.

Meanwhile prices continue to shrink, wage cuts are certain in most industries, and personal incomes are expected to be down 7 per cent this year.

Despite the accumulating trou-

bles New York, and most of the Eastern seaboard which I have visited, looks tranquil and prosperous. Almost every other car on the roads is a new model, petrol is limitless and cheap (is, a gallon), food is abundant and priced more reasonably, drink is plentiful and of excellent quality. The sun smiles on the American.

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**Communist Blast At Atlantic Pact**

Moscow, March 24.

Leading newspapers of the Soviet press today trumpeted the Communist Party declarations against the Atlantic Pact from Europe and the Far East.

The Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," and the Government organ, "Izvestia," devoted full pages to protests against the pact and the forthcoming "peace conferences" in Paris and New York.

Lengthy despatches reported

declarations of Norwegian, Filipino and Swedish Communist parties against the pact.

"Contents of the pact conceal the cynicism and hypocrisy of its creators," the Norwegian Communists were quoted.

The declaration also called on Norwegian workers to begin a struggle against the pact because "you can hinder its implementation."

It said: "The forces fighting for peace are stronger than those trying to unleash a war."

Mariano Baloo, Communist leader in the Philippines, was quoted that in the event of war the Philippine Communists would aid the Soviet Union.

Another report in the Communist press said Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chairman of the Western European Union defence committee, will go to

Washington shortly with other West European army commanders for secret conferences with General Dwight D. Eisenhower.—United Press.

### EX-TYPIST CAUSES STRIKE

Salford, March 24.

All 180 employees at an engineering works here staged a lightning strike today after a 40-year-old former typist at the works arrived to take over the governing directorship, to which she was appointed under the will of the firm's head.

The new director, Miss Mary Dugdale, was also left the bulk of the £133,000 fortune amassed by John Anderson, head of the St. George's Engineering Company.

Within a few minutes of her arrival, half a dozen heads of departments called at her office and suggested that she stay and work until the legal position has been clarified.

Soon afterwards, all the employees stopped work, and Miss Dugdale was told she was to blame for the strike. She later left the works, and the employees threatened to take similar action again if she reappeared.—Reuter.

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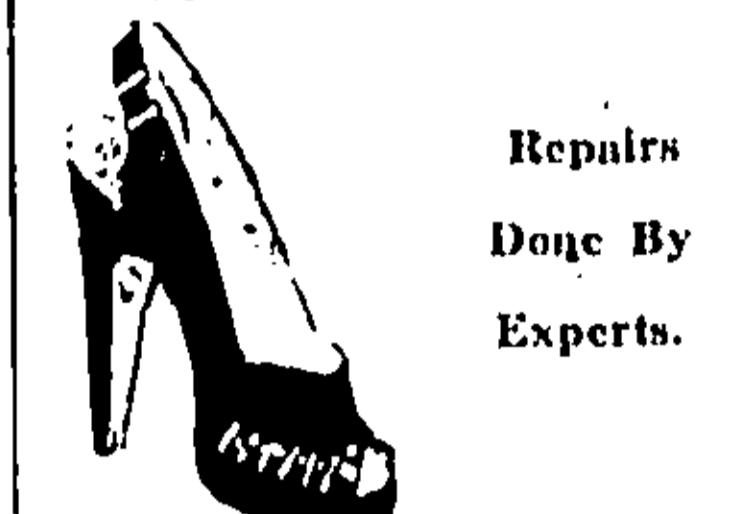
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RETALIATION AGAINST  
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London, March 24. The Opposition in the House of Commons today urged the Government to take retaliatory action against a Czech official in Britain for the treatment meted out to a British official in Prague.

Yesterday, the British Embassy was warned that Captain Phillip Wildash, British Military Permit Officer in Prague, would be liable to arrest unless he left Czechoslovakia within 24 hours.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, replied that the Government is considering what action would be appropriate. "We shall not be content to leave matters where they are now," he said.

So far as could be ascertained in the short time available there was no truth in the assertion that Captain Wildash plotted against the Czechoslovak Republic, or infringed its laws in any way, he said.

Czechoslovak officials in Prague accused Captain Wildash of accepting information, of plotting against the State, and of being in contact with plotters, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Captain Wildash arrived in Frankfurt early today.

Mr. Pierson Dixon, British Ambassador in Prague, reporting the accusations to the Foreign Office, said that he is satisfied no truth exists in the charges made against the Captain.

The Czechoslovak Government has refused to prefer formal charges against him.

After Captain Wildash had been detained and questioned, a British Embassy official in Prague was summoned to the Czech Foreign Ministry and informed of the accusations liable to be made.

The official was told that if Captain Wildash left the country no further action would be taken against him.

No official reports have yet been received from Prague about the arrest of three Czechoslovak employees of the British Military Permit Office.

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SENATE SUSPICIONS  
ON AID TO BRITAIN

London, March 24. Tirana Radio tonight broadcast allegations of violation of Albanian territory by Yugoslav detachments and aircraft during March.

In one such incursion, the raiders were met by Albanian small arms fire and retired leaving two dead on the Albanian side of the frontier, the Radio said.

Propaganda material directed against Albania was found.—Reuter.

Washington, March 24. United States Senators, debating Marshall aid tonight, vigorously demanded assurances that Britain is not sending war potentials to the Soviet Union or East European countries.

The outburst came when they heard reports of a statement by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, that Britain will not, in future, allow her trade agreements with Russia and Eastern Europe to be subject to the settlement of political questions.

One Senator suggested that the Economic Co-operation Administration should investigate Britain's trade agreements with the Soviet Union and Poland.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who had opened the debate by declaring it would be a tragic mistake to cut aid to Britain, replied to the Senator's demands by insisting that there is no evidence that Britain has committed or is contemplating any breach of faith.

Senator William Knowland (Republican, California), reading a report of Mr. Wilson's statement in the opening stages of the debate on the 15-months' extension of the European Recovery Pro-

gramme, quoted Mr. Wilson as saying that before voting further Marshall Plan funds for Britain, Congress is entitled to an assurance that Britain is not going to change her trade policy and ship war-making potentials to Russia.

Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio), most influential of the anti-ERP leaders, said he will vote for a cut—but will initiate no move in this direction.—Reuter.

## High Hopes

The Senate debate on the 15-month \$5,000 million extension of the European Recovery Programme sees the Government's hopes high that the bill can be put through intact in two days.

Senator Scott Lucas (Democrat, Illinois), leader of President Truman's supporters, told reporters that he is hoping for a final vote by tomorrow night. He stressed the urgency of the situation, since the bill must have both House of Representatives and Senate approval by April 3 if the Economic Co-operation Adminis-

tration is not to run out of dollar funds.

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MINERS  
GO BACK  
TO WORK

Pittsburgh, March 23. John L. Lewis yesterday told his United Mine Workers' Unionists to go back to work on Monday.

Mr. Lewis called the work stoppage a fortnight ago as a protest over the appointment of Dr. James Boyd as Director of the Bureau of Mines. Dr. Boyd formally took his position yesterday.

Mr. Lewis, who objected to Dr. Boyd as unqualified since he had never been a miner, was credited with blocking the appointment until this week.

The back to work signal is good news to industry. It was also welcomed by the 403,000 idle hard and soft coal miners of the Mississippi.

Some sources had feared the work stoppage might extend into a third week. An austere Easter is assured for most miners' families as it is.—Associated Press.

Shipping  
Rates War

Bombay, March 24. The Eastern shipping freight rate war took a new turn today when the Kumaon Continental Committee decided to cover any fluctuations in rates arising out of the war.

The cutting of prices began after March 11, when the Dutch Hollands-Bombay-Karachi Line withdrew from the Kumaon Continental Shipping Conference. Under the decision, exporters will be entitled to book cargo to be shipped in April or May at the present reduced rate, irrespective of any increase in the Internat-

If there is a further fall in the freight rates, the shippers will be given a proportionate reduction.—Reuter.

## No excess prophet



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"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 30th Mar.
"PRODUCE"	Amoy, Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Apr.
"POYANG"	Bangkok	4th Apr.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 6th Apr.
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"HUEH"	Shanghai & Keelung	2 p.m. 26th Mar.
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"HANYANG"	Tientsin, Inchon & Pusan	31st Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Borneo, Amoy & Foochow	1st Apr.
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## CONCILIATION PLAN TO SETTLE DISPUTES

Lake Success, March 25.

The Russian-boycotted U.N. Little Assembly has worked out three proposals aimed at conciliating East-West disagreements.

The proposals will be presented to the General Assembly at the session which opens on April 5.

One delegate said the proposals would be the most important in the coming session, in the long-range view.

Some delegates see this plan as a way for the Russians to cooperate with the Western majority in the U.N. if an easing of the East-West tension is what they want.

Members of the majority say the Russian-Western disagreement is the main reason for the stalemate in the U.N. on many important issues.

The three proposals are:

1—For the Security Council President to take steps for conciliation and mediation of a new case as soon as both sides have laid down their arguments. This was done in the Kashmir case, where a truce eventually stopped fighting in the princely state. This plan would make such conciliation steps standard practice in the U.N.

#### Moral Persuasion

2—for the President of the Assembly to use his powers of moral persuasion in an attempt to conciliate problems among members of the U.N. in the same way.

This was done by Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister and Assembly President.

Churches and religious societies, however, will retain rights to publish books and pamphlets.

The preamble to the bill says that private capitalist elements must be eliminated from any part of the nation's culture.

M. Vaclav Kopecky, Minister of Information, submitting the bill, said: "Tendentious slanders from abroad may say anything they like about the limitation of publication under the bill."

If they were really Nationalists, said he, it was that the Philippine Government, the Chinese Embassy and the U.S. Army evidently knew nothing about their presence on the Island?

The truth, however, remains that our new publishing system, based on the right of publications for mass organisations, is 10 times more democratic and better than the former system."

The bill gives the Ministry of Information, through an editorial council, power to approve or reject all publications. It also requires lending libraries to be licensed and they will be allocated books according to the needs of enlightenment and culture.

London, March 24. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today that in its trade relations with Eastern European countries the British Government is guided by consideration of economic advantage.

It could not make a rule that trade agreements with these countries should be subject to the settlement of political questions. "I am certain that these countries approach this matter in exactly the same way as we do," he said. "We both look at it from the point of view of economic advantage." — Reuter.

Mr. Chuter Ede did not reply.

Mr. Chuter Ede told Parliament today that he could not yet indicate what further action might be taken to enforce the deportation order against Sydney Stanley, key figure in the Linsley Tribunal.

He said the Polish Government had stated that Stanley is not entitled to Polish citizenship and is not prepared to give him a passport.

Mr. Will Nally, Labour, asked the Minister to bear in mind the torrent of abuse poured upon this country for not allowing Jews to enter Israel and the advisability on hygienic grounds of getting Stanley there as soon as possible.

Mr. Chuter Ede did not reply.



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The businessman said they were without news of the outside world, not having seen newspapers "for ages." The call was limited to six minutes and the reception was faint and subject to constant fading.

People are allowed to hold United States dollars, gold bars and silver dollars, but forbidden to trade in them. Law and order are well maintained.

The impression the informant gave was that, although trade is at a standstill at present in Tientsin, the general feeling is that it will pick up as soon as some kind of Civil Government is established.

The action of the Communist authorities in registering foreign and Chinese firms had raised hopes in the Northern port city of some business being possible soon, and trading circles there believe the present barge trade system will shortly be extended to embrace private commercial concerns, though under a measure of State control.

It was revealed here today that an average of 12,000 kilograms of mail are at present sent to key Communist cities every month from Shanghai.

**TT Transactions**

Four barge ships, exchanging flour for coal, transport the North China-bound mails from Shanghai each week. Inquiries have elicited the information that the Communists are not imposing any restrictions on Shanghai postal matter and there is no censorship.

Telegraphic money remittances between Shanghai and Communist-held Peiping and Tientsin were partially resumed yesterday when the city received the first sum of \$3,000 in Communist People's notes and remitted Northward a total of GY500,000, according to press reports.

Only two commercial banks of eight are permitted by the Communists and the Government handled yesterday's remittances. The exchange rate between the Gold Yuan and the Communist note has been set at GY20 to one Communist dollar.

The resumption of telegraphic remittance service is chiefly for the benefit of civil servants, students and traders who have set up offices both in North China and Shanghai.—Reuters.

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New York, March 25.

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HAI THIN (CMRN) for Takao,

TAI KONG (King Tai) for Keelung,

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PINLUNG (Lexley) for Liverpool,

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## TEN EVENTS SET FOR TODAY'S HKJC RACES

(By "RAPIER")

Racing will form the main attraction in sporting circles this afternoon, when the Fourth Race Meeting under the auspices of The Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held.

There are again 10 events on the programme, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

It is just possible that, due to the rain which fell yesterday, the track will be on the soft side, in which event it will be necessary to bear in mind the ponies that have done well in meetings under similar circumstances.

Race No. 1—Newbury Stakes  
(First Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian ponies of this section, that have not won or started in a race, are given an opportunity of doing so in this opening event, and, eliminating the likely winners, I think the race should be decided between the following: Rusty (Mr. Kwok), Good News (Mr. Chang), Speed Wheel (Mr. Gregory), Vanguard (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and Barbarian (Mr. Wong Yam).

Rusty came in fourth in the Ascot Stakes (First Section) over the mile in the Second Race Meeting, and judging from that run, I should say that it has a good chance of securing its first win.

The fact that Good News with Mr. Alexander up was also fourth in the second section of the above race makes it a potential menace, and as Speed Wheel has been making gradual improvement, it must also be regarded as a dangerous contender.

Vanguard is coming on nicely, and, with Mr. Pote-Hunt up, it should certainly be well backed, and I think this combination should not be disregarded.

Barbarian is not bad, and if Mr. Wong Yam can get it off quickly, it will give the above-mentioned ponies a good run.

Race No. 2—Curragh Handicap  
(First Section): From The Two Mile Post: Once Round & In.

This race will be contested by Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 7. Jockey Allowance.

With so many ponies entered, some of which can be discarded, I think the winner will come from the following: Airfield (Mr. Chanson), Chelsea (Mr. Shieh), Sans Atout (Mr. Gregory), Stratmann (Mr. Castro) and Busted Straight (Mr. Ostromoff).

Airfield came in second to Autumn Leaf in the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section) over the mile on the fifth day of the Car-

nival with Mr. Gregory up, carrying 150 lbs and, as it ran quite well, especially with Autumn Leaf not participating, I believe it should win.

The main challenge will come from Chelsea which has been doing good work in morning training. Sans Atout is a greatly improved animal and its chances should not be overlooked.

On the other hand Stratmann has been gradually falling from grace, and unless it can recapture some of its old form, I am afraid it will not be the running. Busted Straight should also be kept in mind as it is carrying only 135 lbs.

Race No. 3—Gatwick Stakes  
(First Section): One Mile.

In this race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8, there is not much to choose from among the entries.

Judging from its second placing in the Phoenix Handicap (First Section) over Six Furlongs on the fourth day of the Carnival, Airfield (Mr. Pote-Hunt) has a good chance of winning, but will be seriously challenged by Sans Atout at the moment.

Total Trap (Mr. Mui) gave quite a jolt in its last outing by running unplaced, and for that reason I am only going to nominate it for a place.

V-E Day (Mr. Kwok) is not bad, and I think it should give a good account of itself against the above-mentioned ponies.

Although Potos (Mr. Dau) is improving in its morning gallops, I cannot see it causing any worry to the others, as far as the first position is concerned.

Race No. 4—Haydock Handicap  
(First Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian Subscription ponies of 1949 classified Class 5 will contest this event, and from the entries the following should be worth watching: Jennifer (Mr. Maitland), Rowan (Mr. Ostromoff), First Alarm (Mr. Shieh), Hongkong Slutze (Mr. Gregory) and Double Coin (Mr. Young).

Jennifer won the Smugglers' Pass Stakes (First Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting, appears the logical choice. Can it still, however, win whilst carrying 154 lbs and, in this better class of runners? It ran very convincingly in the above race so that even the extra 7 lbs

weight should not spoil its chances of winning again.

The danger will probably come from Rowan. This pony came third in the Mirs Bay Stakes (First Section) over this distance last year, and while Mr. Ostromoff and carrying 157 lbs.

Then there is First Alarm to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset, while Hongkong Slutze should not be ignored. Double Coin is fighting fit at the moment in training and may have a say at the finish.

Race No. 5—Sandown Park Handicap: One Mile.

This should turn out to be the most interesting race seen for sometime, but I learn on good authority that Vagabond King and Black Market, the first and second pony in the Champion Stakes at the Annual Meeting although entered will not run. With two such outstanding ponies absent, the race will be robbed of a good deal of interest.

A spirited struggle should ensue, however, among the other ponies. Due to illness, Bushel Beauty (Mr. Maitland) has no been seen in action for quite a time, and it would be quite otherwise if his owner would not be sending it out to take part in this race. Furthermore, it put up a fine gallop yesterday morning, and on that account I feel that it will do well to-morrow.

Lovely Lady (Mr. Tao), the winner of the Melbourne Cup over two miles at the Second Race Meeting will undoubtedly command the most support, and should account for this race.

Daisy Bell (Mr. Pote-Hunt) was a great disappointment at the Annual Meeting, but I don't think it is good enough to win this afternoon—the best is a place.

How Chesterfield (Mr. Gregory) and Panda (Mr. K.F. Chiu), both from Class 2, will fare against the other ponies is hard to tell as they are both very fit at the moment and an upset from any one of them is quite likely.

Race No. 6—Newbury Stakes  
(Second Section): Six Furlongs.

A personal of the entries in this race, reserved for the third lot of non-starters and unplaced ponies of this season gives me the impression that one need not look further than Iron Mask (Mr. Wong Yam) to win, in view of its track performance on Wednesday morning, 10/3/49 when it completed the Six Furlongs in 1.32 seconds with a last quarter of 28 seconds.

There is, of course, Coogee (Mr. Gregory) who came fourth in the Legion Hill Stakes (First Section) over six furlongs at the same meeting. I expect to see Mr. Castro up, will be taken out by Mr. Ostromoff this afternoon and this combination will do better, probably winning.

Moniac has been training in the dark this last two weeks in the hope that he will run well. He is not a bad selection to keep in mind as its stable connections are confident that it will be near the finish.

Race No. 7—Curragh Handicap  
(Second Section): From The Two Mile Post: Once Round & In.

The day's programme will be concluded with a race for the second lot of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 9.

Beauty (Mr. Wong Yam) is carrying top-weight of 155 lbs which may not be too much of a handicap as it came second in the Phoenix Handicap over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting. It certainly stands a good chance of winning.

Topless (Mr. Cook) was fourth in the above race first section should have a say here in view of its fitness at the moment.

The Stranger (Mr. Mui) is not to be neglected.

This pony, as rumour has it, is just capable as the others of winning and the time has probably arrived for it to score a belated win.

Race No. 8—Curragh Handicap  
(Second Section): From The Two Mile Post: Once Round & In.

This is the second section of the race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class

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C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## South China 'A' Meet Club At Caroline Hill

By "Rover"

A programme of six First Division soccer matches has been arranged for the week-end, and of those, the match between South China "A" and Club at Caroline Hill this afternoon should prove to be the most interesting.

The Chinese "derby" between Kowloon Motor Bus and Chinese AA at Boundary Street, also this afternoon, is expected to be a close affair and will undoubtedly draw a capacity crowd:

The best of tomorrow's games should be the match between Eastern and Royal Navy at Caroline Hill.

Although Club went down to South China "A" by three clear goals last time, it is not expected that South China will have such an easy time at Caroline Hill this afternoon.

This Club have improved with each match and if Kieran, Main and Muller can show the same form as that which they displayed during the Governor's Cup match on Sunday last, South China will have to fight every inch of the way in order to secure both points.

The meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Chinese AA holds promise of being a "fight-to-the-finish" affair notwithstanding the fact that the first game between these two teams resulted in an easy victory for the busmen by three goals to nil.

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Dawn (Mr. Ostromoff) has been making rapid improvement and looks very tempting on account of its low weight of only 135 lbs.

I nominate Bronte (Mr. K.F. Chiu) the best.

This pony is very fit at the moment and should have no difficulty in winning. Only serious opposition is likely to come from Kelly (Mr. Maitland) which had the better of Bronte in the Hong Kong Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting by half a length, for the second position.

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